

## SEED GRAIN TO BE GIVEN FARMERS

**Hon. Clifford Sifton asks Government  
to Finance Seeding Operations  
for Western Farmers.**

Ottawa, Jan. 16.—The question of seed grain for the western provinces was discussed in the House today. It was brought up by the Hon. Clifford Sifton, who said:

"Mr. Speaker, I have asked for leave to move an adjournment for the purpose of bringing to the attention of the government the question of seed grain in the western provinces. I have done

not for the purpose of expressing any positive opinion on the subject myself, because I am not sure I am competent to give a reliable opinion as to the question, nor do I feel disposed to recommend any particular course.

"I have rather brought the matter up for the purpose of calling the attention of this government to it and for the purpose of enabling the members who represent the northwest provinces and who are more familiar with the facts

the case when I am to express themselves and give to the government the benefit of their views. I read some correspondence a short time ago which led me to suppose that the quality of the supply of seed grain in our western provinces, particularly in the province of Saskatchewan was a serious and urgent question.

**Matter of Importance.**

"I had occasion to be in the city of Winnipeg a short time ago and, regarding the question as of great importance, I asked a couple of gentlemen to meet

there whom I thought to be well versed in the situation. The result of that conference would lead me to the conclusion that the subject is of very great and very urgent public importance. I do not wish to be understood as expressing the opinion that the position of the people in those provinces at the present time is a needy one or that they are under the necessity of asking for charitable assistance. That is not the position which I desire to bring before the government at all, and I am not the government at all.

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**Frost Spoiled Seed.**  
On the contrary all things considered think the position of people there is an excellent one and especially in view of the extremely unfavorable nature of the season, the position in which they find themselves is a great tribute to the agricultural possibilities of the country. A considerable section of the country where grain suffered from frost and the result is that in these sections there is not a grain at all which is fit for seed. In some sections of the country there

in a considerable portion of first class grain and where the shipping arrangements were favorable from many of these places grain has been shipped out so that even there, there is not a sufficient supply of first-class grain for seed.

**Handicap On Next Year.**

"I am told that the fall season was extremely favorable and that a large quantity of land much larger than in any previous year is in condition for seeding when the season opens. I am further told that unless some steps are taken to assist the farmers in securing the nec-

dry seed wheat—I am not speaking so much of the necessity for seed in Alberta—because I imagine that the minister the interior is familiar with the situation in Alberta and will know about personally but in regard to seed what I am told the probability is that a considerable portion of the acreage in Saskatchewan, perhaps running into hundreds of thousands of acres, will not be seeded at all unless some steps are taken to give assistance. The probability is that a considerable portion of the remainder will be seeded with inferior seed

Now as I understand the position it is not that the people need or desire anything in the nature of charity assistance.

If matters were now as they ordinarily are, that is to say, if the ordinary channels for securing financial accommodations were open as they have been in previous seasons, I do not think any assistance would be required. A farmer in a poor portion of the country may be in good financial position; he may have assets and very few liabilities and yet

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## WHY HE DREADS THE ELECTIONS

The reason is not far to seek why Mr. Borden dreads his followers to paralyze business and prolong the session, in the hope of postponing the general election. An election at this time would mean another defeat, probably more sweeping than the last, and another defeat would in all likelihood mean the deposition of Mr. Borden from the leadership of the Opposition and the loss of the support which attaches to that office.

Mr. Borden was chosen leader of the Parliamentary representatives of the party on the celebrated retirement of Sir Charles Tupper. It is admitted commonly that he owes his selection to the influence of the fallen leader and the inability of the party to agree on any more likely candidate. There has certainly been nothing in his record as leader to justify the admission it is in error or that he holds the position by any higher qualification. He found the party divided and discouraged, and he found a party, clinging to traditions which, however discredited, were still a rally ground, and to a policy which, however mistaken, was still immediately tangible basis on which to appeal for the franchise of the people. At the end of six years the party has degenerated into a Parliamentary machine with traditions far less creditable, without a policy of cohesive force or public consequence, and become an association of men who are content to aim in Parliamentary life is to avoid rendering an account of their conduct to the people.

This is far as possible from saying that Mr. Borden has not done his best for the party. On the contrary his fault has been that he placed too much emphasis on the immediate condition of the party and devoted too little attention to the welfare of the country which pays him for his services and in consequence whose welfare alone lies the permanent success of any party. He has served what he thought the present interests of the party and, too, he has served the country in so doing he has neglected the real business of a parliamentarian, and when occasion demanded, has not hesitated to sacrifice the best interests of the country to what he considered the best interests of the party. In so doing he made the cardinal mistake of forgetting that a political party lives for public service, and can continue to live only by engaging itself in such service. This while trying for the immediate welfare of the party, he has neglected the welfare of the country, and he has compromised their humiliation by alienating public confidence from them.

The term "opponent" carries necessarily no imputation of unworthy motive or mistaken policy. It may often and does very fittingly describe a statesman who is engaged in the means to the grievances of the times. But to Mr. Borden the term must be applied in a manner which reflects no such distinction upon him. As leader of the Conservative party in the House he has been and is an opportunist in the sense that he has set upon what he considered to win temporary advantage, regardless of its further consequences. Thus to the manufacturers of eastern Canada he has endeavored to maintain the attitude of a thorough-going high tariff advocate; while in the House of Commons he has sheltered himself behind the empty phraseology of "adequate protection" and on two tours throughout the western half of the country has maintained a silence that was eloquent of his political aims. Again, when the Autonomy bill was before Parliament, Mr. Borden maneuvered to embarrass the Government, to force the Government against them without openly opposing them, and to carry favor with the Orangemen of the Province of Ontario by the cry that their rights were being assailed, but in a tour that covered the entire country and where alone the bills were of public consequence, he never did mention the educational clauses which in Ottawa had so engaged his attention. Yet, again, when the resolutions of the Imperial Conference had covered his party with humiliation, and exposed his lieutenants to the scorn of very close-minded men in the party, Mr. Borden refused to effect the offenders; nor, he even declined to leave them to look out for themselves, but rushed to their rescue

and impressed his Parliamentary following into their defence. The results of this double-dealing have been exactly what might have been expected. Mr. Borden is the official leader of the Parliamentary Opposition; he is not and has not been the leader of the Conservative party in the country. However mistaken may be the tariff views entertained by this large portion of the electorate, it includes men who admire courage, who detect double-dealing and resent deception. Their feeling toward Mr. Borden has been expressed in a manner which cannot be misconstrued by his most ardent advocates, nor even by himself. His record tour of the West was detested for months; every effort was made by loyal henchmen in every community to arouse enthusiasm in the leader and the tour, yet the result was much more like the final appearance of a discredited politician than the progress of a popular leader. The coldness of his reception was remarkable. And they made good their plan by depriving him from the leadership of the party.

That coldness was neither confined to the West nor to the country. It was the voluble expression of the rank and file of his own party of their opinion of himself, and his record tour of the West was the advertisement agency of his success in stimulating those previously to expectant enthusiasm, precisely what they disappointed at the political stones which Mr. Borden tendered them in the pretence of bread.

Mr. Borden has rightly gauged the attitude of the public toward himself and his disjunct position; the proof that he has done so is that he seeks to avoid confronting the country with the record of his own conduct, and to alienate public confidence from the Government or of shaking popular approval of the Government's policy.

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## ONE OF THEM

The Australian Court of Arbitration has recently tried the operation of a new-fangled attachment which was hatched on the tariff system of the Commonwealth a year ago.

At that time the duty on agricultural implements was increased, and to secure to the employees in the factories a share in the increased profits of the new products. One of the firms from whom this duty was collected appealed to the Arbitration Court, and the Chief Justice ruled that as the firm did not pay fair and reasonable wages, the duty should continue to be collected.

Let us see how this works out. The firm was increased, thereby giving a larger profit to the manufacturer of farm implements. He refused to divide the increase with his workmen, and an exorbitant duty is collected on his products. The increase in the duty on farm implements meant a "y" in the price which the manufacturer was permitted to charge for them; the exorbitant duty increased his cost of production, or was equivalent to doing so, and he duly boosted the price again. In the meantime the workmen in his factories are working for what they received before the tariff was raised. In other words, the cost of the implements to the farmer has been raised twice, and the wage of the factory employee has not been raised at all.

In the meantime, because a manufacturer is too greedy to pay reasonable wages is made the ground for permitting him to charge a higher price for his products. Not only is the farmer's cost increased, but the manufacturer is greedy, but the producer of the manufacturer the more is the consumer taxed—a method of sharing the wealth in high proportion, in which the consumer should take a very lively concern.

Theoretically the new arrangement was intended to drive the "unfair" employer out of business. Whether it has done so is best shown by the fact that he is still in business and has

found it financially better to violate the law and pay the duty "fair and reasonable wages." That he objects to the exorbitant duty is expressed in his dissatisfaction that he cannot both violate the law and avoid the duty.

High protectionists have been driven to the adoption of some remarkable contrivances, but to none more remarkable than this latest appliance for dividing the beneficiary divide the spoils.

## CAUSE AD EFFORT.

Montreal Herald—Mr. Monk is not accused of having come to this city or late relative to the idea of this battle ought to be offered every time the enemy appears in the field. He was a partisan of that policy in the earliest days of his party's birth of opposition. In those days, however, his policy was not popular. He did it, it is true, not some spirit into the younger men of his party, and trained them somewhat in the habit of falling political battles, but he did not win, and the junta which ruled the party gave him clearly to understand that if he accepted battle, he did not win he must pay the penalty of defeat. And they made good their plan by depriving him from the leadership of the party.

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The merits of the complaint, it is clear that the danger is past, and the duty of the hour is to make amends as far as possible, and to restore business to its normal condition and regularity. The latest bank statement shows a note circulation of only \$84,402,000, while the paid-up capital is \$100,000,000. With a margin of eleven and a half millions and the danger past there is no excuse for the further refusal of loans on unimpeachable security. The plan is that might have excused the banks for disregarding duties to the business community is safely over. Nothing could be more unfortunate than the growth of a feeling of antagonism toward the chartered banks, or a feeling that the banking law should be radically amended. The system, it is excellently suited to the commercial needs of the Dominion. It remains for the banks to restore necessary confidence in it by recognizing the stability of commercial conditions and responding to the needs they are expected to meet. The large cash reserves, accumulated for safety, should not be retained in financial prudence, but by the further detriment of the business community.

## NOT A REASON FOR CENSURE.

Montreal Star: "Those things which Mr. Lemieux has done are not a reason for censure. We presume, he is officially making a statement, and a free man will sympathize with him, however in his indignation over the American Association of Banks. It is not because he failed to secure the assistance and cooperation of the United States Ambassador at Tokyo. Whether Mr. Lemieux called upon the request of the American Ambassador when he called upon him, is more or less his own private affair. It certainly was not sent to Tokyo, Canada for any such purpose. We do not feel it necessary to have any of the Mikado tucked under the wing of our great bird of the American eagle. The British Ambassador should be quite sufficient for us. We stand a somewhat different position, for our neighbors, Canada is one of the self-governing nations of the British Empire. We are allies of Japan; the United States is not. We have a commercial treaty with Japan, the United States has not. Our representatives were sent to Tokyo to advise of the Mikado certain matters dealt with in our treaties with Japan. To have sought the cooperation of the United States—whether of officially or informally—in any such conference would have been singular by 'out of place,' the result of Mr. Lemieux's action will be far and far from criticism by Canadians when it is known, but we venture to say no great number of British subjects in this country will blame him for seeking the United States Ambassador to help him."

## Cotton Operatives Will Not Hesitate.

Manchester, Jan. 16.—All efforts of an intervention to bring about a settlement of the dispute between the cotton mill owners and their employees threaten to result in the locking out of 15,000 men, has come to a head. The operatives last night in a meeting decided to back off further negotiations with the master spinners and a lockout now appears to be inevitable.

## Warnings Up the Wireless.

Paris, Jan. 16.—A brief wireless message was received here at the Eiffel Tower station last night, from Washington, which is lying a Casa Blanca, a distance of 1,900 miles. This is the first time a message has been sent so long a distance under similar conditions.

## Redmond Will Lead.

Dublin, Jan. 16.—John Redmond has been re-elected leader of the Irish party in parliament.

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